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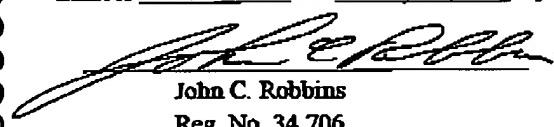
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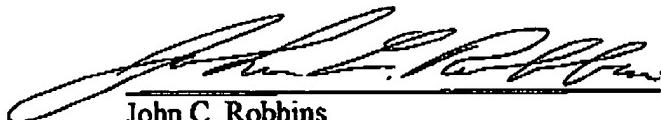
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003, Applicant hereby Expressly Abandons this patent application for the reasons set forth below.

The pending claims have been rejected twice and in their current state are not allowable. As stated in the PRELIMINARY REMARKS filed with the instant application on May 9, 2001, several of the rejected claims were copied from PCT Publication WO 99/63351 to Oxford Glyco-Sciences (OGS), and were subsequently amended to conform to the claims in the OGS US counterpart, US Patent No. 6,459,994. The second rejection of Applicant's copied claims calls into question the validity of the claims in US Patent No. 6,459,994.

Respectfully submitted,



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